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Case Number: AF 09-0688

**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of  
Dallas Erickson <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 10:36 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Preserve Religious Liberty in Montana

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

It is amazing to me that our own Supreme Court is even thinking about a rule that violates the tenants of this nation founded primarily on Religious Liberty.

Do not tinker with our God given rights.

I hope you will reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Dallas D Erickson  
4479 Store Lane  
Stevensville MT 59870  
[dallas@qwestoffice.net](mailto:dallas@qwestoffice.net)

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dallas Erickson  
4479 Store Ln  
Stevensville, MT 59870-6216  
(406) 240-5277  
[dallas@qwestoffice.net](mailto:dallas@qwestoffice.net)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of  
Randi Wytcherley <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 10:06 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Please Reject the new proposed Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for MT  
Attorneys

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a concerned citizen, I hereby submit my request that you reject this rule for the following reasons.

I believe this is a clear and dangerous violation of Montana Attorney's freedom of speech. We do not live in a country that discriminates against a person's political, religious or personal views. This proposed rule is hypocritical in that it takes rights away.

Please reject this rule!

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Ms. Randi Wytcherley  
6933 Springhill Comm Rd  
Belgrade, MT 59714, MT 59714  
[rwwdbz@yahoo.com](mailto:rwwdbz@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Karen Srenar <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 9:36 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Rule change 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Please do not make  
The proposed rule change. I would consider this a serious loss of freedom of speech. Thank you very Much

Sincerely,  
Karen Srenar  
57 clover view  
Helena, mt 59601  
[Eveiegirl@msn.com](mailto:Eveiegirl@msn.com)

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Srenar  
57 Cloverview Dr  
Helena, MT 59601-0252  
(406) 443-0166  
[eveiegirl@msn.com](mailto:eveiegirl@msn.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Virginia Stene <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 9:06 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Rule change 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Marriage is defined as between one man and one woman for life. That's it.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Virginia Stene  
PO Box 248  
344 Upper Elbow Creek Road  
Joliet, MT 59041-0248  
[fivexy@tctwest.net](mailto:fivexy@tctwest.net)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Sherri Row <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 9:06 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Rule Change 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

As a concerned citizen, I am requesting that you reject this rule for the following reasons: Religious freedom and freedom of speech is for ALL citizens, including attorneys. This is another example of government overreach, political correctness on steroids, and mind control that is happening too frequently these days. Why is religious tolerance only one way? Attorneys must be allowed the freedom to practice their profession no matter what their personal beliefs are.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sherri Row  
7 Hummingbird Ct  
Helena, MT 59602-0508  
[crickie@juno.com](mailto:crickie@juno.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of  
Deanna Babb <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 8:35 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Supreme Court Rule

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a concerned citizen, I hereby submit my request that you reject this rule as written due to the impact on the freedom of speech of the individual attorney and freedom to express his or her religious beliefs.

Thank you for your consideration.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Deanna L. Babb  
2701 Ivy Drive  
Great Falls, MT 59404  
[deannababb@gmail.com](mailto:deannababb@gmail.com)

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deanna Babb  
2701 Ivy Dr  
Great Falls, MT 59404-3645  
(406) 788-0730  
[deannababb@gmail.com](mailto:deannababb@gmail.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of William Koberg <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 8:35 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Opposition To Rule Change 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I find it very offensive to think the Montana Supreme Court would even consider the subject of disbaring an attorney if they exercise their right of free speech. Free speech is a right given to ALL Americans from the very founding of our country. I strongly encourage you to reject this rule and allow all Montana's, yes even attorneys, the basic right of free speech.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. William Koberg  
38889 Dubay Rd  
Polson, MT 59860-7327  
(406) 883-0964  
[bill.missionvalleysecurity@gmail.com](mailto:bill.missionvalleysecurity@gmail.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Robert Mensik <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 8:05 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Reject Rule 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Adoption of this rule would be in direct conflict to our U.S. Constitutional rights guaranteed in the First Amendment which is the free exercise of religion and freedom of speech. To adopt a rule that would demand Christian lawyers to violate their consciences and the Biblical teachings on marriage and gender would be unconscionable.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Mensik  
PO Box 182  
Red Lodge, MT 59068-0182  
[bkmensik@gmail.com](mailto:bkmensik@gmail.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of  
Nancy MacPherson <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 8:05 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Please Reject Rule 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Honorable Members of the Court,

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a concerned citizen, I hereby submit my request that you reject this rule for the following reasons:  
It violates religious freedom, freedom of speech, and would be government overreaching what it has been established to do.

Please reject this new Rule 8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Nancy MacPherson  
129 Palette Court  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
[nancy.r.macpherson@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.r.macpherson@gmail.com)

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy MacPherson  
129 Palette Ct  
Bozeman, MT 59715-8093  
[nancy.r.macpherson@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.r.macpherson@gmail.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Rick Waltner <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 8:05 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** concerning Rule 8.4(g)

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Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

The fact that this Rule 8.4(g) can and most likely will violate the 1st amendment rights of lawyers, is fact enough that this rule should not and can not be enacted.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick Waltner  
404 Stillwater Dr  
Columbus, MT 59019-7115  
[rick4570@hotmail.com](mailto:rick4570@hotmail.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Athena Moore <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 6:35 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** 8.4 Rule Change

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Please listen to reason and protect our freedom of speech.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Athena Moore  
3149 Golden Acres Dr  
Billings, MT 59106-2255  
(406) 855-6231  
[tena.raye@gmail.com](mailto:tena.raye@gmail.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of David Howard <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 5:05 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Stop Changing the free speech rules for Christian lawyers.

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I'm against the Montana's Supreme Court changing the rules for Christian lawyers! Under the proposed new rule, if a lawyer says anything that might be deemed "discriminatory" on the basis of "sexual orientation" or "gender identity", that lawyer could be disbarred.

The MT Supreme Court is supposed to sponsor and Honor Free Speech not try to destroy it.

Senator, David Howard  
District 29

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Howard  
PO Box 10  
Park City, MT 59063-0010  
(406) 633-2762  
[sendavidhoward@gmail.com](mailto:sendavidhoward@gmail.com)

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Joseph Douglass <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 5:05 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Rule 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear Justices,

I am writing to express my opposition to Rule 8.4(g). Discrimination is often in the eye of the beholder and can be a very subjective stance. Personally I believe marriage is between a man and a woman and my religious convictions support my viewpoint. It would be a violation of my own personal conviction to not have the freedom to express my belief. An attorney with the same conviction should not also face being disbarred for the same reason.

It is unfortunate in our society today that if you don't agree with another person's conviction than that person seems to believe that you must hate him/her which is far from the truth. You don't have to agree with a person but can still love them. Any parent understands that premise.

A lawyer can still respect the convictions of another person even if that attorney's personal religious belief is contrary to an individual's position. To potentially disbar an attorney because of their religious conviction that marriage is between a man and a woman is abhorrent and would open Pandora's Box even further. It would also violate their freedom of speech.

I hope the State of Montana does not bend to all the political correctness that is simply getting out of hand. Please do not approve this potential rule change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph H. Douglass  
108 Stephanie Lane  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
406-589-5777

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Alan Henry <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 5:05 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** opposition to proposed rule 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding this proposed change to the law. I am a third generation Montanan and believe strongly this rule violates both religious freedom and free speech as provided in our constitution. I don't believe sexual orientation is one of the classes of people that our constitution was defined to protect and this proposed rule reaches beyond the intent of the constitution and provides special protection to a small minority of people at the risk of reducing religious freedom and free speech for all.

I do believe that all people are entitled to protection under our constitution. This seems like judicial over reach and is unnecessary.

Thank you for considering these comments. I hope you will reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Alan Henry  
PO Box 6687  
Great Falls MT 59406

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Alan Henry  
PO Box 6687  
Great Falls, MT 59406-6687  
[ahenry1955@gmail.com](mailto:ahenry1955@gmail.com)

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Clerk of Montana Supreme Court  
PO Box 203003  
Helena MT 59623-3003

Maralee Robinson  
PO Box 1381  
Malta MT 59538  
December 7, 2016

Dear Clerk of MT;

I believe that all Montana Lawyers  
have the right to express their beliefs  
on marriage, and other controversial  
topics that are contrary to what others  
may believe, as part of their 1st Amendment  
Right.

Sincerely,  
Maralee Robinson  
Malta MT 59538

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Clerk of Montana Supreme Court  
PO Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59623-3003

Sue Solberg  
PO Box 1192  
Malta, MT 59538

December 7, 2016

Dear Clerk of MT:  
Looking at the 1st. Amendment Right which all Montanans are guaranteed under Federal Law, I believe that our Montana Lawyers have the right to act on their beliefs on marriage and all other topics that are contrary to what others believe.

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
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Sincerely,  
Sue Solberg  
Malta, MT 59538



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Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003  
FAX: 406-444-5705

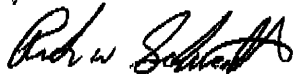
Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court,

I would like to submit my thoughts regarding the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a citizen of Montana, I hereby submit my request that you reject this rule.

While the wording of the proposed rule appears to be protecting citizens' rights, I find it so broad that it could divisively be used to limit the rights of lawyers. If a citizen does not agree with business practices of a particular private business, it is the right of that citizen to forgo patronizing it; the same right applies to a citizen selecting a lawyer. It is unnecessary and invasive for the State of Montana to force this limitation on Montanans.

Signed,



Rick Schwandt  
1100 Driveway Ln  
Dillon, MT 59725

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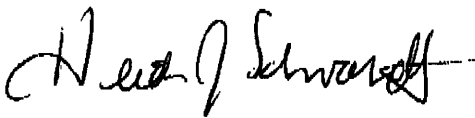
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Honorable Members of the Court,

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Signed,



Heidi Schwandt  
1100 Driveway Ln  
Dillon, MT 59725

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Great Falls, MT. 59404

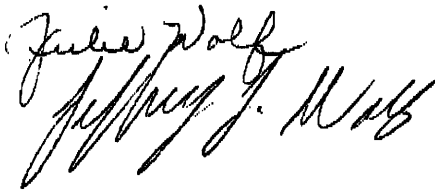
December 8, 2016

Honorable Members of the Court,

You have called for public comment on the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As concerned citizens, we hereby submit our request that you reject this rule for the following reasons.

Besides being government overreach, it is a violation of first amendment rights to free speech and to the free expression of religious beliefs. We strongly urge you to reject this amendment.

Sincerely,



Julie and Jeff Wolf

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